

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 547

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cordera Woodard,
2007 Valedictorian of Hamilton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cordera Woodard is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Hamilton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Woodard has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Woodard has earned an exemplary 3.889 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Business Professionals of America, which he served as President; the Memphis Challenge; the Memphis Rotary Prep Club; and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Cordera Woodard was named First Tennessee Academic All Star, Memphis Exchange Club Student of the Month, *EBONY Magazine* Top High School Senior for June 2007, and Mr. Hamilton High School; he has also received a Delta Psi Phi scholarship and was voted by his peers to serve as Senior Class President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodard's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Yale University; and

WHEREAS, Cordera Woodard's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Henry and Ruby Woodard, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodard's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Hamilton High School Valedictorian, Cordera Woodard, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.